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SUBJECT: AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETS IN RABAT

1. OAU'S AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION COMMITTEE ("COMMITTEE OF 12") MET IN RABAT JUNE 7-8. ACCORDING TO PRESS, WHICH GAVE MEETING RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION, COMMITTEE WAS CHAIRED BY TANZANIAN FONMIN MALECELA. OTHER COUNTRIES ATTENDING WERE: ALGERIA (REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN KHARTOUM), BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, EYGPT (REPRESENTED BY FON MINISTRY SEC STATE MOHAMED RIAD), GHANA, MALI, SENEGAL (REPRESENTED BY FONMIN SECK), SIERRE LEONE, SUDAN AND ZAIRE. OAU SECY GEN ETEKI ALSO ATTENDED AS DID ALI ABOU SINN OF SUDAN, DIRECTOR OF AFRICA DEPARTMENT OF ARAB LEAGUE, LATTER UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTED ARAB LEAGUE AT MEETING.

2. IN PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING END OF CONFERENCE JUNE 8, ETEKI NOTED THAT COMMITTEE, WHICH HE STRESSED WAS STRICTLY AN OAU BODY, HAD ADOPTED A DECLARATION CONCERNING PLANNED AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO AN ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF 12 WHICH, ACCORDING TO ETEKI, IS TO MEET LATER THIS MONTH. IN DECLARATION TO PRESS UPON HIS DEPARTURE FOR DAKAR, FONMIN SECK SAID THAT DOCUMENT WOULD ALSO BE RAISED AT KAMPALA OAU SUMMIT WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD BE HELD IN LATE 1975 OR EARLY 1976. SAME PAPER REPORTING THIS STATEMENT INDICATED ELSEWHERE THAT KAMPALA SUMMIT STILL SCHEDULED FOR LATE JUNE.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, ETEKI SAID IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO GIVE DETAILS ON DECLARATION BUT CHARACTERIZED IT AS "A SORT OF CHARTER, A TEXT OF AN UNDERTAKING, A TEXT OF ORIENTATION AND DEFINITION, A FRAMEWORK FOR OUR COOPERATION". HE ADDED THAT DOCUMENT DEALT WITH POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL, ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNOLOGY FIELDS.

4. GOM PARTICIPATION IN EVENT MINIMAL. FONMIN LARAKI RECEIVED ETEKI FOR COURTESY VISIT JUNE 6 AND RABAT HAS BEEN FESTOONED WITH SLOGANS AND AFRICAN FLAGS. SPECIFIC MOROCCAN INTEREST IN THESE OAU DOINGS, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO FOCUS ON AIRING SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE AT OAU'S AFRICA LIBERATION MEETING WHICH BEGAN AFTERNOON JUNE 9. NEUMANN

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